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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This document was cited in an Office Action in the corresponding Chinese application. The claims patentably distinguish from the listed reference.

A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making an appropriate notation on the attached form.

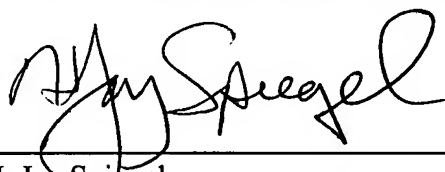
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Respectfully submitted,

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